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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

TOPIC Terrain Reconnaissance in the Gerstungen Border Area

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Seven Soviet officers, including a colonel and a major wearing tank insignia, arrived at the Soviet kommandatura in Gerstungen at about 9 p.m. on 3 July 1950.

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2. The officers walked to a ridge north of the autobahn, near Gerstungen, (L51/H26) at about 10:30 a.m. on 4 July 1950. They stopped for one-hour talks on the ridge, on the autobahn and at Kreismuehle. They seemed to point out sites for future border fortifications.
3. Newly dug foxholes were seen at two places in the area west of Gerstungen. Troops were not observed. \*

25X1 \* Comment. The information may be linked with the alleged construction of field fortifications in the Saalfeld area.

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